

**TOWN OF ABINGDON  
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Members of Council Present:

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor  
Mrs. Cathy Lowe, Vice Mayor  
Mr. Jason N. Berry  
Mr. Richard E. Humphreys  
Mr. Robert M. Howard

Administrative/Town Staff:

Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager  
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk  
Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney  
Jim Smith, Dir. Of Wastewater Operations/Town Eng.  
Garrett Jackson, Dir. Of Planning  
Jim Cowart, Dir. of Econ. Dev/Grants Writer  
John Dew, Dir. Of Public Services/Construction  
Myra Cook, Dir. of Tourism  
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police

Visitors:

Jimmy Stewart, Emmitt Yeary, Matt Smith, Robbie Blevins, Debra McCown, Lucy Phillips, Christy Parker, Carl Mallory, Phil Temp, Caitlin Sullivan, Mr. and Mr. Berry

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**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police led the pledge of Allegiance.

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**C. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **Public Hearing** - Pursuant to §15.2-8000, et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to receive comments from the public regarding the disposal of the following real property from the Town of Abingdon, Virginia for the development of business and industry, with said property being Tax Map No. #'s 104-10-2; 104-10-8; 104-10-11; 104-10-12; 104-10-13 consisting of a total of 28.31 acres located in the Stonemill Business and Technology Park.

Greg Kelly, Town Manager provided a detailed history and background of the proposed King College Medical School and the efforts of the Town and County to encourage King to locate the proposed school in the Town of Abingdon and Washington County. Mr. Kelly reported that 28.31 acres located in the Stonemill Business and Technology Park had been identified as a possible site for the Medical School and the public hearing was being held to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the disposition of the property. Mayor Morgan commented that the identified acreage was owned by the Town of Abingdon.

Dr. Greg Jordan, President of King College provided a power point presentation detailing the plans for the proposed Medical School.

At this time, Mayor Morgan declared the public hearing open for comment.

- *Emmitt Yeary* spoke in favor of the proposed King College Medical School and its location on the property in the Stonemill Business and Technology Park. Mr. Yeary commented he felt having the Medical School locate in the Town and County would enhance healthcare in the region and improve the quality of life for residents.
- *Robbie Blevins* commented that he was part owner in Spiegler & Blevins, CPA's which was located in the Stonemill Business and Technology Park and that his business would be located in the center of the campus of the Medical School if it were to locate on the proposed site in the Technology Park. Mr. Blevins indicated he supported the Medical School in Abingdon and Washington County but was concerned about the impact it could have on his business.
- *John Berry* commented that he was a lifelong resident of Abingdon and Washington County and he supported the location of the Medical School in the Technology Park. Mr. Berry indicated that he thought the project would greatly benefit the region and encouraged the Council members to not let the opportunity pass by.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Morgan declared the public hearing closed.

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#### **A. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS**

##### **1. Consideration of Resolution in support of the proposed King College School of Medicine to locate at Stone Mill Business and Technology Park, Abingdon, Virginia.**

Mayor Morgan read the following Resolution into the record:

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED KING COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
TO LOCATE AT STONE MILL BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK  
ABINGDON, VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, King College (College) announced its intentions to develop an allopathic school of medicine (Project) within the Southwest Virginia region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Revitalization Commission pledged a commitment of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) toward development of the Project, which said Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000.00) must be matched by the College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of The Town of Abingdon (Town) and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington (County), under the realization that development of such a Project within said boundaries could enhance local/regional health care, employment opportunities and economic impact benefits for residents therein, entered into discussions regarding locating the Project within the corporate limits of (or adjacent to) the Town of Abingdon; and

**WHEREAS**, Town and County held a joint public meeting on August 2, 2010 during which Town and County adopted a Joint Resolution (Joint Resolution) which stated a pledge to the College of a combined total of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), to be paid in equal shares of Seven-Million, Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) by Town and County, in support of the development of the proposed allopathic school of medicine within or adjacent to the jurisdictional boundary of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, Town, County and College have identified and agreed upon a specific location for the Project within the Town limits upon acreage amounting to 28.31+/-, located within the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park belonging to the Town with an expected approximate appraisal value of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of Town, County and College (collectively, Parties) have begun working mutually toward a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) memorializing the collective intent of the respective Parties, for which Town hereby authorizes its Town Manager to proceed and, subject to the satisfactory resolution of terms, conditions, restrictions and covenants contained therein, execute in final copy on behalf of the Town and in furtherance of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the conveyance by deed of gift shall affect the Town's financial obligation proportionately, reducing the original pledge amount of Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) to a balance of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$3,500,000.00) for use in the development of the Project and medically associated uses; and

**WHEREAS**, upon execution of said MOA by the Parties, it is the intent of the Town to authorize its Town Manager to convey by Deed of Gift such parcels of real property, amounting to 28.31 acres +/-, numbered 104-10-2; 104-10-8; 104-10-10; 104-10-11; 104-10-12; and 104-10-13, situated in the Stone Mill Business and Technology Park (Property), which shall be conveyed in fee simple with full English Covenants of General Warranty; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution reflects the intent of the Town with respect to its commitment to the Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town hereby authorizes its Town Manager to enter into the aforementioned MOA and convey the Property by Deed of Gift in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed upon herein.

**On motion of Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Council approved the Resolution in support of the proposed King College School of Medicine to locate at Stone Mill Business & Technology Park, Abingdon, Virginia.**

**The roll call vote was as follows:**

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| <b>Mr. Howard</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Humphreys</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mr. Berry</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mrs. Lowe</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Mayor Morgan</b>  | <b>Aye</b> |

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Mr. Berry commented that the location of the King College Medical School in the Town and County would enhance the quality of life for residents.

Mayor Morgan commented that the Town had worked on the King College project for over a year and the Council's decision to commit public funding for the project was given substantial consideration before any commitment was determined.

Deborah Icenhour reported on the Memorandum of Agreement being drafted by the Town, County and King College. Mrs. Icenhour indicated that the document was close to finalization and agreement by all parties.

Mayor Morgan commented on the bold vision by Dr. Jordan for his commitment to develop a Medical School in Southwest Virginia.

There being no further comments, Mayor Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

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Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk